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1. [REDACTED] In response to a call from Betty Crayton, OMB, I informed Cynthia Farmer of the same office that the Agency's comments on H.R. 2635, to amend the Privacy Act of 1974, were sent on the 27th of June, and that we would do our best to have our comments on S. 495, the Watergate Reorganization Act, to OMB by the end of next week.

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2. [REDACTED] Irene Margolis, of the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee, returned my call of yesterday and I informed her that the final document of interest regarding the [REDACTED] nomination would be delivered this morning. We discussed briefly some of the pending business before the Committee. 25X1

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3. [REDACTED] Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, in response to his earlier call to Mr. Cary. McConnell said Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.) had written a letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) regarding an amendment he planned to introduce to each appropriations bill. The amendment would restrict the use of unvouchered funds. I told McConnell I would like to pick up a copy of the proposed amendment sometime during the day. 25X1

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5. (Unclassified - DFM) Took a call from Chris Clary, in the office of Representative B. F. Sisk (D., Calif.). Their office has received a letter from a constituent who believes his brother was formerly employed by the Agency. The brother, [REDACTED] recently died and the constituent wanted to know if he was covered under any Agency retirement plan that would pay any kind of death benefit. I told Clary that from her reading of the letter I suspected the brother had never been employed by the Agency, but that I would check and get back to her.

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25X1 33. [REDACTED] Met with Representative Jack Kemp (R., N.Y.) and talked with him about our concern over the possibility that the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee would report out a bill including an open line item on intelligence. I reviewed some of the background of this situation with Mr. Kemp and at his request agreed to provide him with some backup material on this subject.

25X1 34. [REDACTED] At his request, went by the office of Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.) and picked up from him a letter and attachment from a friend in [REDACTED] which he felt would be of interest to us. I am forwarding this to LA Division for their information and comment.

25X1 36. [REDACTED] Checked with Jack Maury, Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, to see what action, if any, he has taken or is taking with respect to the [REDACTED] case and Carl Duckett's matter. Maury has not been in touch with the Committees and has no plans to discuss either of these matters with them at the moment. I told him I had briefed the Chairman of Carl Duckett's material several days ago and was reviewing the circumstances of the Olson case with the Committee's staffers.

25X1 37. [REDACTED] Called Alan Rexinger, on the staff of Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.), to advise him that the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia had dismissed Representative Michael Harrington's (D., Mass.) suit against the Agency. I told him I wanted to pass this on to him in view of his past interest in this suit.

25X1 38. [REDACTED] Talked to David Bushong, formerly of the Justice Department. I had called him at Justice to discuss S. 495 and had been told that he now worked on the Hill, and was given a number to call. On calling, I discovered Dave had moved over to the Senate Select Committee. He gave me the name of Mac Redwine, as the guy I should deal with on S. 495 from now on.

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25X1 31. [redacted] I talked by telephone with Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.), CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, who said statements attributed to him by Daniel Schorr on TV with regard to the Butterfield incident were only partially accurate in that they did not include all of his remarks. According to Nedzi, his comment included the statement that he saw nothing unusual or untoward about the fact that CIA might assign or detail people to the White House staff with the knowledge and consent of the appropriate people of the White House.

Mr. Nedzi then asked me about Prouty's appearance on TV and his allegation about Butterfield and I gave him the same information that I had given earlier to Jack Boos, i.e., that Butterfield had never been an employee of the Agency, nor had he ever been assigned or detailed to the Agency and that our only record indications to date were that a one-time contact clearance had been granted for access to him in 1959 when he was working in the Department of Defense (although there is no record that such a contact took place) and the fact of Carl Duckett's compartmented access briefings several years ago.

25X1 32. [redacted] Ed Schallert, on Representative Les Aspin's (D., Wis.) staff, called to ask if we could provide him with any information on trends in Soviet overall defense expenditures over the past five years. He said he was particularly interested in whether these expenditures are on the increase, decrease or are stable. If there have been any fluctuations, he would like to know whether they have occurred in the manpower side or in weapons procurement. I told Schallert that I would check with our people on this and be back in touch with him. His request sounds vaguely reminiscent of requests we have received a short time ago from Mark Kleinman on Aspin's staff.

25X1 I also talked with Bill Broydrick, on Representative Aspin's staff, about the Congressman's outstanding request for public assurances that the Agency would not pay the tax bill [redacted] I told Broydrick that up until the present the situation had not changed from my earlier off-the-record conversations with him on this subject, but if it did, and anything could be stated publicly, I would let him know. Broydrick said he was completely satisfied with this arrangement, but wanted to be sure we still considered the Congressman's letter as an outstanding request.

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25X1 24. [REDACTED] Handcarried to Charles Snodgrass, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, a package of cables which had been prepared for him by [REDACTED] DDO, as a result of his earlier meeting with Snodgrass. In keeping with Mr. Nelson's request, I remained with Snodgrass while he reviewed the cables and returned them to the Agency when he had finished with them. Snodgrass requested that we make one of the cables available to him to use as ammunition during the mark-up session which will begin Monday. [REDACTED] EA/DDO, will secure approval and sanitize.

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25X1 25. [REDACTED] Betty Crayton, OMB, called to "gig" us on two bills which they have not received our comments on. She said they need the Agency's comments on S. 495, a bill to establish certain Federal agencies, and to effect and implement certain reforms in the operation of the Federal Government as recommended by the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, no later than Tuesday, 15 July. Ms. Crayton also mentioned that our views on H. R. 2635, a bill to amend the Privacy Act of 1974, was due on 8 June. [REDACTED] was advised of the call.

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Charles E. Meissner, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, called to cancel the previously arranged briefing for Monday, 14 July at 10:30 a.m. at Headquarters. Briefers [REDACTED] were advised that the briefing on Middle East oil would be scheduled at a later date. Meissner said the best time and date for rescheduling the briefing would be Friday, 18 July at 10:00 a.m. I told him I would give Mr. Cary the message.

25X1 27. [REDACTED] Received a call from John Simons, who identified himself with the Gannett news service, and asked me for the first name of a "Mr. [REDACTED] who briefed the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday, 9 July, on sugar." I told Mr. Simons I did not know the individual and transferred his call to Mr. Thuermer's office.

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25X1 29. [REDACTED] Received a call from Jack Boos, on the staff of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. He asked me how he could get several copies of the Director's December 24, 1974 Report to the President and I told him I would be glad to drop several copies off at Chairman Lucien Nedzi's (D., Mich.) office for him. He asked me about the Butterfield/Prouty stories in the press and I explained to Boos that Butterfield was never an employee of the Agency, nor was he ever detailed to the Agency and that the Director had flatly denied Prouty's allegation that Butterfield was CIA's contact man in the White House. I told him we were checking our records and the only thing we could find involving Butterfield was a record of a one-time contact clearance approval in 1959 when Butterfield worked for the Department of Defense and the fact that Mr. Duckett had briefed Butterfield on certain compartmented clearances several years ago, but that we had had no substantive contact with Butterfield. We talked about the status of the House Select Committee and agreed that it appeared the existing Committee will be abolished and some substitute put in its place.

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